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SUBJECT: DISTURBANCE IN PACIFIC COAST PORT OF PUNTARENAS OVER
GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO BUILD A NEW PORT

1. AT 6 A.M., OCTOBER 3, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE
"PUNTARENAS CIVIC COMMITTEE AGAINST THE CALDERA PORT
PROJECT" ORGANIZED A STUDENT WALKOUT FROM SCHOOLS,
CLOSURE OF MANY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, AND BLOCKADES
ACROSS THE HIGHWAY LINKING THE CITY WITH SAN JOSE. A
SPECIAL GUARDIA CIVIL CONTINGENT NUMBERING AROUND 100
MEN USED TEAR GAS TO BREAK UP THE PROTESTORS,
MOSTLY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, DEMONSTRATING ON THE HIGHWAY
AND TOOK PREVENTIVE MEASURES THAT THE RAIL LINK BETWEEN
SAN JOSE AND PUNTARENAS WOULD NOT BE INTERRUPTED. BY
LATE AFTERNOON REPORTS EMANATING FROM GUARDIA CIVIL SOURCES
INDICATED THAT DEMONSTRATORS HAD BEEN
DISPERSED, SEVERAL LEADERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND THE CITY
WAS CALM. EMBASSY SOURCES IN PUNTARENAS SAY
DISTURBANCES WERE LED BY SAN JOSE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
ANXIOUS TO PRECIPITATE CONFRONTATION AND VIOLENCE.
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